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Title: **"A Thermal Plastic Expanded Foam Meat Tray and Method and Apparatus for
Precisely Trimming the Meat Tray From an Expanded Foam Web"**

RESPONSE TO 01/07/2004 OFFICE ACTION

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AMENDMENTS

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 7, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration, as set forth herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.

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